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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
Ground Floor Conference Room
Arlington Senior Center
5:30pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Kenneth Kohlberg

Staff in Attendance: Christine Bongiorno, Director of Health & Human Services, James Feeney, Health Compliance Officer

Others in Attendance: Eyad Haddadeen (Northender Italian Kitchen), Pamela Ross-Kung (Safe Food Management), Lisa Reynolds, Steve Reynolds

Recording Secretary: Hannah Fast, Public Health Associate

Meeting called to order by Dr. Marie Walsh Condon at 5:35 pm.

Approval of the December 3, 2014 Minutes will be tabled until the meeting on April 1, 2015.

Hearing: Variance Request by Northender Italian Kitchen

Inspector Feeney introduced a variance request submitted by the Northender Italian Kitchen, concerning the establishment's potential to use time as a public health control for the safe display of pizzas and calzones. Pamela Ross-Kung of Safe Food Management then addressed the Board to explain in further detail the Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points (HACCP) Plan she developed for Northender Italian Kitchen. The food products will be placed on display on numbered trays which correspond to a production log. The log will be used to record the time each pizza is placed on display and the time and final disposition of the product. Mr. Feeney recommended the logs be altered to include a column clearly showing the time, 4 hours after the start of display, by which each item must be discarded or consumed to prevent pathogen growth. The Board discussed with Ms. Ross-Kung how amendments can be made to the plan per Mr. Feeney's recommendations.

A Motion was made by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, which was seconded by Mr. Kenneth Kohlberg, to approve the variance for Northender Italian Kitchen contingent upon the revision of the HACCP Plan and log based on the proposed amendments.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously (3-0)

Restaurant Updates

- Northender Italian Kitchen completed the plan review process.

- Possible change of ownership at Kathmandu.
- Frozland has closed.
- Manna House has closed.
- There are several updates for Residential Kitchens in 2015:
 - Celia's Cakes has closed.
 - The Enchanted Cottage has closed.
 - The Vintage Tea and Cakes Company is now open.

Public Health Nurse Updates

Ms. Bongiorno informed the Board that the Board of Health staff is continuing to monitor for Influenza cases in Arlington. The staff is also staying up to date on the communications being continually released concerning Ebola and Measles.

Public Comment:

Lisa and Steve Reynolds, residents of Arlington, shared their concern about the possible public health risk imposed by the use of fireworks on Town Night. In the past, the Reynolds have found firework debris in their yard after the display set off on Spy Pond. They are alarmed about how the perchlorate and other toxins in the fireworks may be directly affecting them and the environment. They cited several articles examining the potential effects of these toxins and proposed that the Town make the switch to using more environmentally-friendly fireworks. The Board discussed several different perspectives on the issue with the Reynolds and will look into the issue further.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 1, 2015